



## NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

The most-watched news in Washington this week was James Comey's testimony. It is my view that yesterday's testimony clearly indicated that President Trump tried to influence the Director of the FBI regarding the investigation into former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn's connections with Russia.

As I have said for months, Russian interference in the 2016 election is a gravely serious national security issue. Former Director Comey confirmed this in very clear terms, saying: "The Russians interfered in our election during the 2016 cycle. They did it with purpose. They did it with sophistication. They did it with overwhelming technical efforts ... It's not a close call. That happened." A hostile government threatened our democracy, and I continue to call for an independent commission to fully investigate this interference and develop recommendations to ensure that such interference never happens again.

In addition, yesterday's testimony further confirmed that Attorney General Jeff Sessions is unfit to lead our Justice Department. Former Director Comey revealed that he and his FBI colleagues expected the Attorney General to recuse himself from the Russia investigation for a "variety of reasons," including reasons he could not discuss openly. I first called for the Attorney General's resignation after he committed perjury during his confirmation hearing by misleading Senators about his contacts with Russian officials. Based on the information that is already public, and bolstered by yesterday's testimony, I continue to demand Attorney General Sessions' resignation.

As this week showed, these are concerning and turbulent times for our country. I commend James Comey and the Senate Intelligence Committee for ensuring that the American people remain informed as Congress performs its crucial oversight role.

**Bringing New Hampshire to D.C.**



I had a wonderful time showing off our state's small businesses and vibrant culture at the annual Experience NH event on Capitol Hill. Senator Shaheen started this wonderful tradition, and it's such fun to see so many Granite Staters at this popular event!

### **Addressing climate change the Granite State way**

As you know, last week President Trump decided to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement. This week, I was disappointed by Governor Sununu's decision not to join the bipartisan group of governors who remain committed to combatting climate change, harnessing the economic promise of renewable energy, and defending their states' international standing. It would be a serious mistake for New Hampshire to abandon our proud nonpartisan legacy as an environmental leader. On behalf of the majority of Granite Staters who want action on climate change to avoid negative impacts on our environment, our economy, and our health, I called on the Governor to reconsider this hasty decision, and sent a letter to him together with Senators Shaheen and Hassan and Congresswoman Annie Kuster.

### **Standing up to Wall Street**

As a Member of Congress during the 2008 financial crisis, I was proud to vote for the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform bill, which outlawed the predatory behavior that threw us into recession, created the highest unemployment rate in a generation, and tanked the economy. Yesterday, House Republicans and their Wall Street backers tried to pull one over on the American people by repealing these protections. Their dangerous bill passed the House yesterday by a vote of 233-186, with only one House Republican joining House Democrats in voting "no." The bill strips back the Wall Street reform and consumer protection policies we enacted to avert another financial meltdown. It scraps 'too big to fail' provisions, undermines the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, allows reckless gambling with Americans' savings, and gives predatory payday lenders a free pass. The House Republicans who voted for this bill are favoring Wall Street over Main Street by allowing those who brought our economy to the brink of collapse to once again take advantage of America's working families and put our economy at risk.

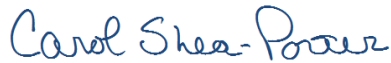
## Fighting for affordable higher education

Together with other Democratic members of the House Education and Workforce Committee, I sent a letter urging Congressional appropriators to reject the proposal in the President's FY18 Budget to eliminate subsidized Stafford Loans. For a student taking out the maximum loan amount, ending this program means they would owe an additional \$5,700 in interest when entering loan repayment. Over the next decade, this proposal would cost students and families \$39 billion. Our letter made it clear that this proposal is unacceptable, and that Congress should be working to make college more affordable – not more expensive.

## Closing thoughts

As always, thank you for the honor of serving you in Congress.

Best Wishes,



Carol

## This week's press releases

- [Shea-Porter Votes NO on Republicans' Wall Street Reform Repeal Bill](#)
- [ICYMI: Education and Workforce Democrats Lead Fight to Preserve Subsidized Stafford Loans](#)
- [Shea-Porter Statement on Comey Testimony](#)
- [New Hampshire Delegation Strongly Opposes Governor Sununu's Decision Not to Join U.S. Climate Alliance](#)
- [Shea-Porter Statement on Governor Sununu Decision Not to Join U.S. Climate Alliance](#)



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